For: A Compound Containing a Labile Disulfide Bond

## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) TO ACCEPT A DELAYED CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e) OF PRIOR FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA, 22313-1450

Group Art Unit: 1632

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) to claim the benefit for this application under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of prior provisional application No. 60/085,764, filed May 16, 1998. This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. application no. 09/312,351, filed on May 14, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/085,764, filed May 16, 1998. A replacement specification indicating the priority claim is included with the attached amendment.

Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(5)(i) of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.

Enclosed is a credit card pay form, please charge the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m).

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